

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

1. (Once Amended) A transducer for converting from electrical energy to mechanical energy, the transducer comprising:

at least two electrodes; and

a polymer arranged in a manner which causes a portion of the polymer to deflect in response to a change in electric field, wherein a portion of the polymer is elastically pre-strained by a factor in the range of about 1.5 times to 50 times the original area.

7. (Once Amended) The transducer of claim 6 wherein the polymer [is pre-strained by a factor in the range of about 1.5 times to 50 times the original area] has a dielectric constant between about 2 and about 20.